

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computer-based method for organizing digital photos, comprising:

extracting ~~objects of interest~~faces from a plurality of digital photos;

cropping said plurality of digital photos to generate images of isolated ~~objects of interest~~faces;

applying ~~an~~a ~~object~~face recognition algorithm to determine the similarity of isolated ~~objects~~faces with a reference model;

displaying ~~a plurality of the images of isolated~~ faces arranged as a function of the determined similarity; and

receiving user input to associate said ~~objects~~faces with a particular classification.

2. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 1, wherein said steps of applying a recognition algorithm and displaying are repeated as more ~~objects~~faces are grouped as belonging to a certain identity.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The invention of claim 3, wherein isolated faces are displayed in a view that includes an area surrounding the face.

5. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 1, further comprising annotating image ~~objects~~faces based on said classification.

6. (Original) The invention of claim 1, further comprising controlling a photo presentation based on said classification.

7. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 6, wherein said step of controlling the photo presentation displays a label for an isolated ~~object of interest~~faces based on said classification.

8. (Original) The invention of claim 1, further comprising controlling a zoom function based on said classification.

9. (Original) The invention of claim 6, wherein said photo presentation is a slide presentation.

10. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 1, wherein said step of displaying the plurality of ~~objects~~faces displays the ~~objects~~faces in order of similarity to the reference model.

11. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 1, wherein said user input drags an image of ~~an~~the ~~object of interest~~face into a display area associated with said classification.

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for organizing digital photos, comprising:
 an ~~object~~face detection and cropping unit for extracting ~~objects~~faces of interest from a plurality of digital photos and cropping said plurality of digital photos to generate images of isolated ~~objects~~faces;
 a recognition unit for applying an ~~object~~face recognition algorithm to determine the similarity of isolated ~~objects~~faces with a reference model;
 a display output for outputting a display of ~~a plurality of~~the ~~images of the~~ isolated ~~objects~~faces arranged as a function of similarity determined by said recognition unit; and
 a user input for receiving user input to associate said ~~objects~~faces with a particular classification.

13. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein said recognition unit repeatedly applies said recognition algorithm and said display output updates said display as more ~~objects~~faces are grouped as belonging to a certain identity.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The invention of claim 14, wherein said display output displays isolated faces in a view that includes an area surrounding the face.

16. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein said apparatus annotates image objectsfaces based on said classification.

17. (Original) The invention of claim 12, wherein said output display outputs a photo presentation based on said classification.

18. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 17, wherein said display output displays a label for an isolated objectface of interest based on said classification.

19. (Original) The invention of claim 12, wherein said display output controls a zoom function based on said classification.

20. (Original) The invention of claim 17, wherein said photo presentation is a slide presentation.

21. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein said display output displays the objectsfaces in order of similarity to the reference model.

22. (Currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein said user input drags an image of an objectface of interest into a display area associated with said classification.